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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to public safety; establishing mandatory minimum sentences for certain
- 1.3sex trafficking offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.322,
- 1.4subdivision 1.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.322, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7Subdivision 1. **Solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution; sex trafficking**
- 1.8**in the first degree.** (a) Whoever, while acting other than as a prostitute or patron,
- 1.9intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more
- 1.10than 25 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both:
- 1.11(1) solicits or induces an individual under the age of 18 years to practice prostitution;
- 1.12(2) promotes the prostitution of an individual under the age of 18 years;
- 1.13(3) receives profit, knowing or having reason to know that it is derived from the
- 1.14prostitution, or the promotion of the prostitution, of an individual under the age of 18 years;
- 1.15or
- 1.16(4) engages in the sex trafficking of an individual under the age of 18 years.
- 1.17(b) Whoever violates paragraph (a) or subdivision 1a may be sentenced to imprisonment
- 1.18for not more than 30 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$60,000, or both, if one
- 1.19or more of the following aggravating factors are present:
- 1.20(1) the offender has committed a prior qualified human trafficking-related offense;

2.1 (2) the offense involved a sex trafficking victim who suffered bodily harm during the
2.2 commission of the offense;

2.3 (3) the time period that a sex trafficking victim was held in debt bondage or forced or
2.4 coerced labor or services exceeded 180 days; or

2.5 (4) the offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim.

2.6 (c) Unless a longer mandatory minimum sentence is otherwise required by law or the
2.7 Sentencing Guidelines provide for a longer presumptive executed sentence, the court shall
2.8 presume that an executed sentence of 120 months must be imposed on an offender convicted
2.9 of violating this section under the conditions described in paragraph (a), and an executed
2.10 sentence of 144 months must be imposed on an offender convicted of violating this section
2.11 under the conditions described in paragraph (b). Sentencing a person in a manner other than
2.12 that described in this paragraph is a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
2.14 committed on or after that date.